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ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Austria, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal*, Russian Federation, Sweden*, and Switzerland*: draft resolution

Assistance to the Republic of Georgia in the field of human rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights;

Recalling in particular its resolution 1993/85 of 10 March 1993, in which the Commission requested the Secretary-General to evaluate the needs for support and technical assistance in the field of human rights to the Government of Georgia;

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Deeply concerned at the continued seriousness of the situation of human rights of inhabitants of Georgia, including Abkhazia;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts within the United Nations system in organizing missions to Georgia, including Abkhazia, to investigate abuses and human rights violations, which are being committed by all sides, and to initite a country programme of the Centre for Human Rights for technical assistance to Georgia, to be implemented in 1994;

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the personal representative of the Secretary-General to support a speedy political solution to the conflict in Georgia including Abkhazia, at the peace talks in Geneva, as well as the positive contribution of the mission of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to the consolidation of an effective cease-fire in South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

1. Expresses its serious concern at the persistence of numerous and grave violations of human rights in Georgia, including Abkhazia, such as extrajudicial executions, torture and ill-treatment, including rape, inhuman or degrading treatment of prisoners, looting and burning of houses, and deportations of the civilian population;

2. Strongly condemns such reprehensible acts and abuses committed by troops or armed groups in Georgia, including Abkhazia;

3. Welcomes the willingness of the Government of Georgia to cooperate with the Commission on Human Rights and the Centre for Human Rights;

4. Urges the Government of Georgia and the authorities in Abkhazia to carry out investigations into all allegations of human rights violations, with a view to identifying and prosecuting those responsible;

5. Appeals to those in control of the territory of Abkhazia to implement and ensure law and order, to guarantee fully the enjoyment of human rights and to ensure the right of displaced persons to return to Abkhazia and to recover their property;

6. Encourages the Government of Georgia to continue to cooperate in the field of advisory services;

7. Encourages a speedy agreement on the country programme discussed between the Centre for Human Rights and the Government of Georgia and the

provision of technical assistance to the Government of Georgia, including inter alia the following components: assistance in creating a national institution for the promotion and protection of human rights, a seminar on minority issues, needs assessment and reform of the system for the administration of justice and the penal code, and training of law enforcement officers, including police, military and prison officers; implementation of the programme should be coordinated by a human rights officer to be posted in Georgia.

8. Decides to examine the question again at its fifty-first session.